December 17th, 1919

Honourable Mr. Justice Masten,

Osgoode Hall.

Dear Mr. Justice Masten:

Professor Mackenzie and Professor Wallace have gone into the cases of the applicants for loans and they report to me that there are requests for $16,700 which in their judgment should be complied with. Of course this brings up the question as to whether or not we should ask the Executive Committee or through it the Association to endorse and increase the amount from the central fund that may be used for the purpose of the loans.

I think myself that this should be done for the following reasons: (1) If the Ontario Government does not relieve the situation by making some grant to students, the most pressing need was in loans. They will be more value to the men than will scholarships.

(2) If the Government does take action and grants loans as right easily see that our loans be returned, and they could then be appropriated as before to the original purpose.

Some of these men are in great need, and I hope that the Executive Committee will be able to take action at once, even if it is necessary to have their action sanctioned at a later meeting of the Association.

Yours sincerely,

President.

THE SUPREME COURT OF ONTARIO
HIGH COURT DIVISION.

(Hon: Mr Justice Masten)

OSGOODE HALL,
TORONTO.

December 12th. 1919

Sir Robert Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO.

My Dear Sir Robert,

I had a very satisfactory meeting up at Haileybury and I have good hopes of our getting some money from that locality and also complete a satisfactory organization. There are a very considerable number of live men up in that district mostly from the School of Practical Science.

I enclose to you copy of letter which I have just written to Mr Summers and which explains the situation to some extent.

I also enclose to you letter received from Mr T. A. Russell together with the enclosures attached to it and shall be glad, when replying, if you will return it to me for my files. I also enclose copy of my draft letter to Mr Riordan. I think it desirable that you and he should look it over as you were in Montreal and met these people and know the

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OSGOODE HALL,
TORONTO.

local situation best. I shall be delighted to receive your suggestions and amendments to my draft.

Yours faithfully,

Encl

COPY.

TORONTO December 12th 1919

G. F. Summers Esq.O.L.S.

Haileybury.

Ontario.

Dear Mr Summers,

I received your letter of December 9th in due course and was sorry that you were not able to be present at the meeting but I understand how these things happen.

We had ,what I consider,an entirely successful meeting and I was very pleased indeed to meet Mr Campbell,Mr Sutcliffe and Dr Somerville before hand at dinner. As you no doubt know Mr Campbell was elected President and yourself as Secretary of the local organization.
I am writing today to the Secretary herein Toronto Mr MacQueen asking him to forward to you 2 or 3 copies of the draft constitution for local organizations.

The important matter however at the present time is to organize your canvassing committees and it would be well that this should be done without waiting the completion of the general local organization

I think there has gone forward to you from Mr James,our assistant secretary,a list of the various people who have contributed here who are not Alumni but who were ready to assist in the good cause This may afford you some assistance in tackling the different mine owners and organizations up there I mentioned to the meeting the fact that Colonel Leonard has already contributed very liberally and I think it would not be right to ask the Coniagas Company for any subscription ,also the Mining Corporations through Mr Parker has subscribed.

If at any time I can afford you any assistance please do not hesitate to drop me a line

Yours faithfully,

T. A. RUSSELL
1209 KING STREET WEST
TORONTO

Return to Committee

December
Tenth,
Nineteen
Nineteen.

Mr. Justice Masten,
President, University of Toronto Alumni Ass'n.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Masten:-

I enclose herewith a letter I received from Mr. Carl Riordan, President of the Montreal Alumni Association, also a copy of my reply. I trust that the suggestion he makes in his letter can be considered, and a reply sent him at an early date. I did not venture an opinion, as I thought it had better come from the Association, but I do think it would be desirable that the fund, at least during the initial period, should be handled as one.

Yours very truly,

T. A. Russell

Encl.

TAR:R.

CARL RIORDON
MONTREAL

355 BEAVER HALL SQUARE

December 6, 1919.

Dec 9/1919

T.A.Russell, Esq.,
Russell Motor Company,
King Street West,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr.Russell:

First allow me to thank you for your note of the 24th ult. with regard to the dinner we had here on the 22nd. I am very glad to think that you enjoyed yourself; certainly your address gave us a new line on the relations between Varsity and her sons.

You will recollect that in the letter which I wrote to Sir Robert Falconer before the dinner, I suggested to him that the Montreal Alumni, so far as I could gather,favoured a separate administration of the funds which might be raised here in order that they might keep more closely in touch with the University and that they might more closely watch the results from the campaign here.

I am not sure whether you were present when Dr.Dickie was on his feet after the dinner. He made a suggestion which seemed to take very well among those present, namely, that the Montreal graduates should endeavor to commemorate the memory of a graduate who made a name for himself in his profession, and moreover, by his sacrifice and by his inspired writing has made his name rank among the great ones of the war - Lt.Col. "Jack" McCrae.

Dr.Dickie's suggestion was that the Montreal Alumni offer a prize for poetry as part of the Memorial Fund's functions.

At a committee meeting held on Wednesday afternoon, this matter was fully discussed. The difficulties of creating something which would be different from the general fund administered by the Board, of which you are a member, were at once recognized, as also were the practical scholastic problems concerning the awarding of a prize every year in the University when, from past experience, it is quite apparent that the quality of the poetical effort might not justify making an award in some years. The opinion preponderated in favor of working in with the general fund for the first three, four or five years, and to ask the administering board to use the Montreal Alumni's fund for such a period, presumably loaning the

money to worthy returned men for the purpose of assisting them through their courses at the University. At the expiration of the period, the Montreal Alumni could then proceed with the original intention of establishing the McCrae prize for poetry.

I was asked to write to you to put this idea before you and get your opinion as to its feasibility. The Montreal Alumni will be very glad to have your views as to the ways in which the spirit of the Memorial can best be put into effect.

I remain,

Yours truly,

Carl Riordon

SIGNED IN
MR. RIORDON'S ABSENCE

COPY

December
Tenth,
Nineteen
Nineteen.

Mr. Carl Riordan,
355, Beaverhall Square,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Mr. Riordan:-

I beg to thank you for your letter of 6th instant, and for your assurance of the co-operation of the Montreal men.

I am not one of the officers in connection with the Alumni Association, but have been assisting in connection with the special subscriptions, and also in the making of the loans to students. I am therefore referring your letter to Mr. Justice Masten, who is Chairman, and who will no doubt reply for the Alumni Association.

Again thanking you, I am,

Yours very truly,

TAR:R.

THE SUPREME COURT OF ONTARIO

(Hon : Mr. Justice Masten)

OSGOODE HALL,
TORONTO.

December 15th 1919.

Carl Riordan, Esq.

355 Beaver Hall Square,

MONTREAL.

Dear Mr. Riordan :

Your letter to Mr. Russell of December 6, has been transmitted by him to me as President of the Alumni with a request that I reply to your suggestion.

I quite agree with the view of your Committee that for the present at least it is desirable that the fund should be handled as one single fund. With respect to local arrangements of this character the only general principles that have been laid down are : In order that a local fund or a local effort should be linked up with the present Memorial Fund it should, of necessity, be subject to two conditions :

(1) That it should be for the benefit of returned men or their dependents, and

(2) That out of the local funds subscribed, 30% should go to the general fund.

These conditions were determined upon having in view the case of a local organization that desired that its contribution should be for the benefit of University men who came from its own locality; such a suggestion as that with respect to the McCrea Memorial was not in mind.

The Medical Profession here in Toronto at an earlier date proposed to raise a Memorial of their own to Dr. McCrea, but on subsequent consideration have handed over to the University War Memorial Fund the moneys which they had previously collected. It is entirely possible that in connection with the physical memorial it may be desirable to commemorate specially the name of Dr. McCrea or to quote in connection with the records some portion of his famous poem; his name will, of course, appear in the physical memorial among the 600 of those who have fallen and whose names will be permanently

and prominently recorded on the face of the physical memorial.

Meanwhile, and for practical purposes, I would approve on behalf of the Association the suggestion that for the present at least, the funds contributed by the Montreal Association should form part of the general fund.

Yours faithfully,

December 16th, 1919

The Honourable Mr. Justice Masten,
Osgoode Hall,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Justice Masten:

I am very glad to know that you had a satisfactory meeting at Haileybury and that an organisation has been completed. If there are a number among them of men from the old School of Practical Science there will not be much doubt as to the vigour of the society.

I agree with you that it would not be wise to tackle either Colonel Leonard or Mr. Parker for a subscription in that district.

I heard yesterday about the suggestion from Montreal and personally do not think that it would be well for them to set out to raise a special fund in Montreal to be given to such a purpose as he suggests. Quite the most satisfactory thing from our point of view would be either to contribute to the general fund, as it is doubtful whether they would be sending undergraduates from Montreal to Toronto, and even so far as graduates are concerned it might be a little difficult for them to raise an amount of money for this purpose. Your solution seems to me to be the simplest.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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100 College Street
Toronto.

December 27th,1919.

Hon.Mr.Justice Masten,
Osgoode Hall,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr.Justice Masten:-

Re: Chicago Meeting

I have to report that I addressed the Chicago Alumni Association on December 12th. A dinner was held at one of the Hotels and sixteen Alumni were present. I was requested to address them on the subject of the War Memorial. I did so, and subsequently there was a free discussion, not only on the Memorial but also regarding the activities of the various Alumni Associations and their relations to the University. T thought I might summarize the discussion which took place.

1.- There was a strong expression of opinion, by those present, that the various Alumni Associations should be brought in closer touch with the University. They cited the condition which obtains in this respect at Harvard, Yale and other American Universities, and the opinion was expressed that it would be greatly to the advantage of Toronto University if something could be done to accomplish this end as thoroughly as obtains in other Universities. The possibility of getting some announcement at the time of the Annual Commencement was spoken of as a possible means for obtaining the interest of graduates in distant parts of the Country.

2.- I addressed the company and gave them all the information in my possession regarding the War Memorial, and solicited their support. The suggestion was received most favourably and a number of the members spoke very strongly in favour of the project. The result was the formation of a Committee appointed to canvass the Alumni of Chicago for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions. Several of those present subscribed to the fund, some of them handing in their cheques at the moment.

3.- There was some discussion as to whether or not the subscriptions received from Alumni Associations in the United States should be pooled. The opinion seemed unanimous that it would be well to do so, but it was understood that the Alumni in New York were against it. It appears, however, that some time ago a central committee was formed with Dr.Barker of John's Hopkins as President, and Mr.Darling as Secretary. It was determined that the Local Committee in Chicago should get in touch with this Central Committee, with the view of obtaining as much co-operation in this regard as possible.

4.- In my address I gave the Alumni a description of the re-organization of the Department of Medicine under Professor Duncan Graham. I also read a letter from Professor Maclennan concerning the work accomplished by a fellow who was supported by funds from the Chicago Alumni, and who had accomplished valuable work, more particularly in connection with the production of Helium in the west.

5.- Dr.Basil Harvey gave an account of his experience in France during the war, and at the close of the meeting the officers for the year were elected.

The meeting was a most enthusiastic one, Professor Bonner was in the chair, Professor Lillie, Dr's. Basil Harvey, Maclennan, McKechnie, Cuthbertson, Small and others were present.

I was told afterwards that it was the best meeting they had had in the history of the Chicago Alumni Association, and they were quite sure they could accomplish a good deal regarding the War Memorial.

The hope was expressed that the University at home would take steps to secure more frequent communications between the University and the various Alumni Associations in the United States. They felt quite sure that a very great deal could be accomplished if some organized effort in this direction were made, I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) A.PRIMROSE.

THE SUPREME COURT OF ONTARIO

(Hon: Mr Justice Masten)

OSGOODE HALL,
TORONTO.

January 21st 1920.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO.

My Dear Sir Robert,

Would you have your secretary mail to me at 29 Bedford Road a copy of your Report. I would also be glad if you would inform me as far as you are aware what the present situation is in this Province in regard to the Forestry Department and whether the Government are taking any steps to put into effect a policy of re-afforestation.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. Masten

I have an inquiry from my brother-in-law (a graduate of 4 or 5 years ago) who was overseas & during the war & since (as a civilian) has been engaged in this work over there. He is looking out for a similar post here at home

January 22nd, 1920

The Honourable Mr. Justice Masten,
Osgoode Hall,
Toronto.

My dear Judge:

The announcement in the "University Monthly" as to my report being published is somewhat premature. I have not received any copies, and I simply sent him some advanced sheets, but as soon as the report comes out I will have a copy sent to you immediately.

I rather think that the Provincial Government is to enter upon a progressive policy with regard to afforestation. I got this incidentally the other day and I know nothing about the plans. If I hear anything further I will let you know. I should think that the Deputy Minister of Mines and Forests, Mr. Gibson, might be able to give you information.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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APPELLATE DIVISION

(Hon: Mr Justice Masten)

OSGOODE HALL,
TORONTO.

February 9th 1920.

Sir Robert Falconer,

President,

University of Toronto

TORONTO.

My Dear Sir Robert,

I enclose to you herewith a memorandum which I received a day or two ago from Barr, and which raises the question of the action to be taken in regard to maintaining a full record ~~to be~~ kept up to date, of all those who have attended the University. Barr also spoke to me in regard to the matter and I said to him that I would send you a copy of this memorandum and at your convenience discuss it with you, looking toward the suggestion that the Alumni Association should formally write you so as to bring the matter before the Board of Governors and consider what changes or developments can be effected so as to improve the present situation.

I have felt for a long time that this situation needed some careful investigation and perhaps overhauling. Particularly so at the present time when the Alumni Association have recently spent something like $6,000 I think, out of the Memorial Fund in improving and bringing up to date the records. I am not at all satisfied in my mind that they are yet in a satisfactory condition but if the work that was done last summer is not speedily followed up I fear that the greater part of the expenditure so made will be lost.

I know how burdened you are with work and that you are probably not feeling any too fit ~~for~~ it just at this juncture though I am glad to hear that you are rapidly recovering. ~~No~~ Whenever it is convenient for you I shall be glad to take the matter up with you.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosure not found.

THE SUPREME COURT OF ONTARIO
(Hon: Mr Justice Masten)

OSGOODE HALL,
TORONTO.

March 6th 1920.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO.

My Dear Sir Robert,

I am delighted to see by the papers that you are out again.

I enclose herewith copy of letter which I have received from Wilfrid C James and of my reply so that you may look them over and consider the matter before hand. If you are able to come to the meetings on Tuesday perhaps you would send a line to MacQueen so that we may have the benefit of your views.

There is another matter that will come up on Tuesday in respect to which we ought to have the benefit of your advice and direction, namely the suggestion to send Mr Grant over to the States for the purpose of collecting funds for the Memorial Fund. I think Mr Scully was to discuss this matter with you. If he has not done so perhaps you would have Miss Patterson call him up.

Yours faithfully,

A Masten

Encl

(Hon: Mr Justice Masten)

March 6th 1920.

Wilfrid C. James Esq,
University War Memorial Committee
95 King Street E,
TORONTO.

My Dear James,

Replying to your letter of March 4th. Personally, it seems to me, that the whole matter had better be dealt with by the Chartered Trust and Executor Co Ltd rather than by cheques on behalf of the University War Memorial Fund However that is a matter to be determined by the Executive Committee and by the Board of Directors. No notices should go out to anybody until they have passed upon it.

There is a meetingeof the Executive Committee of the Memorial Committee on Tuesday afternoon and of the Scholarship Board Tuesday afternoon and shortly afterwards as promptly as possible a meeting of the Directors will be called and then the notices should go out according to whatever direction is then given.

Yours faithfully,

THE SUPREME COURT OF ONTARIO

(Hon: Mr Justice
(Masten)

OSGOODE HALL.
TORONTO

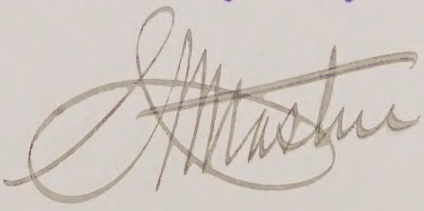
May 5th 1920.

Robert A Falconer Esq,
President,
University of Toronto
TORONTO.

Dear Mr President,

I write to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of April 30th and as requested I will provide myself with cap and gown. I note that the University will supply the necessary hood.

Yours very truly



March 4th 1920.

Dear Sir,

When I was discussing some matters with reference to closing this office with Mr Gibson he suggested that he thought we sh ould send out a letter from this office to all subscribers who have not as yet paid up their subscriptions in full advising them that in future they will receive notices as to their payments becoming due from the Chartered Trust and Executor Co, and that we should ask them to remit direct to that Company. This brought up the question as to whether or not cheques should in future be payable to Mr. Gibson or whether they should be made payable to the Chartered Trust and Executor Company. Mr Gibson said that if it was the intention to make any future disbursements by cheque of the Memorial Association, as we are doing at present, that payments of subscriptions should be made payable to him as Treasurer of the Fund. If, however, future disbursements will be made by cheque of the Chartered Trust and Executor Co, then payments of subscriptions should be made payable to the Company. I think myself it would be more advisable and would work out with less trouble to all concerned if we request subscribers in future to make their cheques payable to the Chartered Trust and Executor Co and also instruct the Company to make all the necessary disbursements by their own cheques. This would take a certain amount of work off your own hands and also would mean less trouble to Mr Scully and Mr Gibson. I would be glad if you wuuld let me know as to what you think about this matter and then I will draft the letter that we are sending out to subscribers and then let you have a copy of the draft

Yours truly

Wilfrid C James,

UNIVERSITY WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

March 8th, 1920

The Honourable Mr. Justice Masten,
Osgoode Hall,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Justice Masten:

Many thanks for your letter and your kind inquiries. I am very much better and hope to be at the meeting to-morrow afternoon at five.

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 29th, 1929

The Honourable Mr. Justice Masten,
Osgoode Hall,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Justice Masten:

A student of the fourth year in honour Mathematics, Mr. C. B. Cale, called upon me last week urging that he should be granted a loan from the Alumni War Memorial Fund in order to help him to complete his present year and graduate this spring. I have made inquiries from Professor De Lury and he reports most favourably of Mr. Cale. He says that in character and in his scholarly attainments he is thoroughly worthy and that it would be a great misfortune if he were not able to take his examination this spring. As I leave for the East to-morrow I shall be unable to see you. If this matter meets your approval would you be kind enough to arrange with Mr. MacQueen that Mr. Cale gets the grant ?

You will be glad to know that to-day I got a letter from Mr. A. C. Hardy promising $2000 for the War Memorial Fund.

With kind regards, I am,
Yours sincerely,

President.

April 10th, 1920

The Honourable Justice C. A. Masten,
Osgoode Hall,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Justice Masten:

I have pleasure in informing you that at a meeting of the Senate held last night it was unanimously agreed to offer you the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in recognition of the distinguished work that you have done as President of the Alumni Association of this University as well as of your eminence in your profession.

The Convocation at which the honorary degree will be conferred will take place on Thursday evening, June 3rd, at eight o'clock, when I hope you will find it possible to be present as the degree is not conferred in absence.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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(Hon: Mr Justice Masten)

OSGOODE HALL,
TORONTO.

$100 more awaiting subscription

April 1st 1920.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO.

My Dear Sir Robert,

re Cale.

I am afraid this gentleman may not have been any more frank with you than with me. ~~He told me~~ that he had been up twice: that his application was refused ~~at~~ the first instance and that at his request a subsequent hearing was had when a grant was made of $100 conditioned on his giving notes now for the amount of his indebtedness, endorsed by his father repayable in two years time.

Did he tell you

On the first occasion his application was considered by Mr Gibson and myself and we agreed, on his statements, in refusing the application. Subsequently on Mr Cale's special application to me through MacQueen I spent an hour with him one morning as a result of which, contrary to my better judgment, but on the basis that it was desirable to avoid if possible having a sorehead going about, I agreed to a further advance of $100 on the terms I have indicated above.

Throughout the whole course of this application Mr Cale has assumed the attitude of demanding the loan as a matter of absolute right and of making his own terms of repayment without regard to anything or anybody else. So far as I can see he has no conception that anybody else has any rights or that he owes any duties to anybody else. He is living at home with his father and it has been impossible notwithstanding the strongest pressure that I have been able to bring to bear to ascertain how much he has paid hitherto for board; this is a fair example of the whole attitude which he assumed. I found after a good deal of questioning that he has a sister at the University. His father is a carpenter or mason or working, I think at a building trade and so far as I can ascertain without any dependents other than this sister who is going through the University at the present time.

has already received two or three hundred dollars

The request was for a loan of $200 and on investigation of why so large a sum was required at this stage I found that it was to be used in part to pay his entrance fees to the Guild of Chartered Accountants and in part was to be used in fixing up his teeth and otherwise getting himself into good condition; no satisfactory account of exactly what was really required was given.

THE SUPREME COURT OF ONTARIO

OSGOODE HALL,
TORONTO.

Under the circumstances the utmost I felt at liberty to recommend was $100.

I have written this somewhat fully to you so that you may quite appreciate the situation. I think it might be a very wise thing in the interests of the Trust if we were to have a full meeting of the whole Board, viz: Mr Russell, yourself and myself and perhaps Mr Gibson (as he sat on the first occasion) to join us and let this man appeal to the full board from what I have done. Frankly so far as I am personally concerned I would not feel at liberty to do anything further.

Yours faithfully,

A Masten

You need not feel the slightest delicacy in adopting the suggestion of an appeal to the full board. My only wish is to see that right is done & if you & Russell think I ought to get more liberal treatment I shall not be in the least hurt.

April 30th, 1920

The Honourable Justice C. A. Masten,
Osgoode Hall,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Justice Masten:

I am very glad to know that you are to be with us for the Convocation on June 3rd at which the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws is to be conferred upon you. Will you be kind enough to provide yourself with cap and gown ? The University, however, will supply the hood proper to the degree which will be given to you.

The degree will be conferred on the evening of Thursday, June 3rd.

Yours sincerely,

President.